What is claimed is:

    1.   A method for associating one or more named entities in a first system with the corresponding names for said named entities in one or more target systems comprising the steps of:

    (f)   creating in said first system a XML document containing a name for said one or more named entities;

    (g)   transmitting said XML document in a session and over a connection and a protocol to a web server;

    (h)   activating an active server page executing in the environment of said web server;

    (i)   launching an object providing access to a database containing at least a relationship between said name for said one or more named entities and said corresponding names for said one or more named entities in said one or more target systems; and

    (j)   creating a new XML document containing said corresponding names and returning said new document to said first system during said session and over said connection and said protocol that transmitted said XML document.

    2.   A method for associating one or more named entities in a first system with the corresponding names for said entities in one or more target systems comprising the steps of:

    (e)   creating in said first system a XML document containing a name for said one or more named entities;

    (f)   activating an active server page executing in the environment of a web server to which said XML document is transmitted in a session and over a connection and a protocol;

    (g)   launching an object providing access to a

database containing at least a relationship between said name for said one or more named entities and said corresponding names for said one or more named entities in said one or more target systems; and

(h) creating a new XML document containing said corresponding names and returning said new document to said first system during said session and over said connection and said protocol that transmitted said XML document.

3. Apparatus for associating one or more named entities in a first system with the corresponding names for said named entities in one or more target systems, said first system for creating a XML document containing a name for said one or more named entities, said apparatus comprising:

(c) a web server for receiving said XML document which is transmitted in a session and over a connection and a protocol to said web server; and

(d) said web server for:

(iv) activating an active server page executing in the environment of said web server when said XML document is received by said web server;

(v) launching an object providing access to a database containing at least a relationship between said name for said one or more named entities and said corresponding names for said one or more named entities in said one or more target systems; and

(vi) creating a new XML document containing said corresponding names and returning said new document to said first system during said session and over said

connection and said protocol that transmitted said XML document.

4. In combination:

(e) a first system having one or more named entities;

(f) one or more target systems having corresponding names for said one or more name entities;

said first system for creating a XML document containing a name for said one or more named entities,

(g) a web server for receiving said XML document which is transmitted in a session and over a connection and a protocol to said web server; and

(h) said web server for:

    (j) activating an active server page executing in the environment of said web server when said XML document is received by said web server;

    (iv) launching an object providing access to a database containing at least a relationship between said name for said one or more named entities and said corresponding names for said one or more named entities in said one or more target systems; and

    (v) creating a new XML document containing said corresponding names and returning said new document to said first system during said session and over said connection and said protocol that transmitted said XML document.